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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14, and 16-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this ground of rejection.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-21, 23, 25-29, and 31-32 were rejected on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting over copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/990,274 and U.S. Patent No. 7,263,071. Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome these grounds of rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the present application.

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